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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENTS AT AFRICAN UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE

REF: CAPE TOWN 536

1. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE ON SEVERAL FRONTS TO END DEADLOCK BETWEEN STUDENTS AND THE ADMINISTRATION AT (AFRICAN) UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE IN ALICE FOLLOWING SUSPENSION OF 159 STUDENTS AND SUBSEQUENT DEPARTURE OF MAJORITY OF STUDENTS FROM CAMPUS.

2. STUDENTS THEMSELVES HAVE SET UP ACTION COMMITTEES IN SEVERAL CENTERS TO ORGANIZE SUPPORT FROM THEIR PARENTS AND SYMPATHIZERS TO BACK STUDENT DEMAND FOR UNCONDITIONAL REINSTATEMENT OF ALL SUSPENDED STUDENTS. HOWEVER IT IS EVIDENT FROM CONGEN'S DISCUSSION WITH MEMBER OF CAPE TOWN ACTION COMMITTEE THAT STUDENTS ARE SERIOUSLY HAMPERED AMONG OTHER THINGS BY LACK OF FUNDS AND LACK OF ADEQUATE TELEPHONE FACILITIES BETWEEN AFRICAN AREAS. IF DISPUTE NOT SETTLED SOON MOST WILL BE LOOKING FOR JOBS.

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PARENTS ARE HURTING FINANCIALLY HAVING RECENTLY PAID FINAL

TERM FEES OF 80 RAND (DOLS120) FOR BOARDERS AND ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO REIMBURSE TRAIN FARES.

3. EFFECTIVE ACTION WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO COME FROM OTHER SOURCES. FORT HARE RECTOR DE WET MET AUGUST 8 FOR THREE HOURS WITH TRANSKEI AND CISKEI EDUCATION MINISTERS AND TRANSKEI MINISTEJ OF JUSTICE. MINISTERS ARE REPORTING BACK TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CABINETS. ON ANOTHER FRONT STUDENT REPS WERE TO MEET SA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES REPRESENTATIVES IN JOHANNESBURGGM THIRD APPROACH INVOLVED ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP OF CAPE TOWN SELBY TAYLOR WHO ON AUGUST 8 VISITED FEDERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY WHICH ADJOINS BUT IS ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM FORT HARE. (SEMINARY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN STAYING FROM CLASSES IN SYMPATHY WITH SUSPENDED UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.) PROPOSAL BEING STUDIED IS THAT CHURCHES REPRESENTED AT SEMINARY (ANGLICAN, METHODIST, CONGREGATIONAL AND PRESBYTERIAN) SHOULD NEGOTIATE WITH UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION AND POSSIBLE SAG ON BEHALF OF FORT HARE STUDENTS. ARCHBISHOP CONFIRMED TO CONGEN THAT EFFORT ALONG THESE LINES IS PROCEEDING BUT HE THINKS IT MAY NOT BE WELCOME. (COMMENT: PORT HARE AND SEMINARY ARE STILL FEUDING OVER FORMER'S ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER SEMINARY LAND AND BUILDINGS WHICH SEMINARY VIEWS AS THINLY DISGUISED ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE THIS LIBERAL INSITUION. SEE CAPE TOWN A-59, DECEMBER 22, 1972.) ONEILL.

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